placed orders on various Indian Shipyards for acquisition of 18 medium sized vessels at a total expenditure of about Rs. 134 crores, which also includes the cost of engines.

(c) and (d) The shipyards, for technical and economic reasons and with the concurrence of A&N Administration, have chosen Yanmar engines for these vessels.

Nation-wide programme for upgradation of roads

741. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the nationwide programme for upgradation of roads along with target fixed, estimated involvement and source of fund;

(b) the sector-wise assistance committed by various international funding agencies like World Bank, Asian Development Bank, and B.O.T. system;

(c) whether such programmes envisage to link the North-East with rest of India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the transnational Highway as declared by Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) National Highway Development Project comprises of improvement of highways connecting 4 metropolitan cities of Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai, Calcutta and East-West corridor from Silcher to Porbandar and North-South corridor from Kanyakumari to Srinagar to 4/6 lane facility. The plan will be completed in next 10 years by National Highways Authority of India at an estimated cost of Rs. 54,000 crores (at current prices)

(b) The details of assistance committed by World Bank, Asian Development Bank and OECF during 9th Five Year Plan is given in the Statement-I (*See* below). The details of BOT projects awarded so far is given in Statement-II (*see* below).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The East-West corridor from Silcher to Porbandar would link North-East with rest of India.

(e) The North-South and East-West Corridors as declared by the Hon'ble Prime Minister are from Srinagar to Kanyakumari and Silcher to Porbandar respectively.

Statement-I

Approved outlay for EAP in Central Sector Roads during the Ninth Five Year Plan

(Rs. crore)

Scheme	Major Head	Sub-Head	1997-98	RE1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	Total
National Highways								
(i) Externally aided	5054	01.01						
(a) Externally aided (RW)	5054	01.01.53	404.54	283.41	249.00	336.00	224.00	1496.95
(b) Externally aided (NHAI)	5054	01.03.53	150.00	107.70	570.87	751.00	500.00	2079.04
(c) Strengthening of PIC	3054	04.00.13	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.50
		04.00.42	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.50
Sub-Total			554.74	391.31	820.07	1087.20	724.20	3576.99

Statement-II

List of BOT Projects Awarded so far

Sl. No.	Project Name	NH No	State	Cost in Crores	Likely/actual date of completion
1.	*Thane-Bhiwandi Bypass	3&4	Maharashtra	103	31/12/2001
2.	**Chaltan Road Over Bridge	8	Gujarat	10	15/07/1998
3.	**Udaipur Bypass	8	Rajasthan	24	22/04/1998
4.	Construction of Six Bridges	5	Andhra Pradesh	50	08/06/2001
5.	Coimbatore Bypass	47	Tamil Nadu	90	03/12/1999
6.	Durg Bypass	6	Madhya Pradesh	68	05/05/2000
7.	Narmada Bridge	8	Gujarat	113	21/12/2000
8.	**Nardhana ROB	3	Maharashtra	34.21	22/07/1999
9.	**Patelganga Bridge & ROB	17	Maharashtra	33.3	20/07/1999
10.	Hubli-Dharwar Bypass	4	Karnataka	68	05/11/2001
11.	Nellor Bypass	5	Andhra Pradesh	73	OCT, 2000
12.	Koratalaiyar Bridge	5	Tamil Nadu	30	NOV., 2000
13.	Kambatki Ghat Tunnel & Road	4	Maharashtra	37.8	NOV., 1999
14.	Nasirabad ROB	6	Maharashtra	10.45	MAY, 2001
15.	Wainganga Bridge	6	Maharashtra	32.6	JULY, 2000
16.	Mahi Bridge	8	Gujarat	42	25/04/2000
17.	ROB At Kishangarh Bypass	8	Rajasthan	16.66	31/12/2009
18.	Bridge Across River Watrak	8	Gujarat	48.2	
19.	Moradabad Bypass	24	Uttar Pradesh	100	
20.	ROB At Dera Bassi	22	Punjab	36.11	

* Original work since completed and opened to traffic widening to four lanes is in progress.

** Since completed and opened to traffic.

Agreement Between Government and Truck Operators

†*742. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that truck operators had recently gone on strike for fulfilment of their various demands;

(b) if so, the total loss incurred due to this strike;